It is Sunday the 18th March 2007 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY broadcast bringing you - cast 1436.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1436 for 18th of March 2007
Iraq Amateur Radio Society (IARS) President Diya Sayah, YI1DZ, has informed ARRL that all Amateur Radio activity in Iraq has been suspended until the security situation there improves. The ham radio blackout began this week.
Sayah says the suspension affects both Iraqi citizens as well as any foreigners, including military personnel and contractors -- who have been on the air from Iraq identifying with YI9-prefix call signs. It does not affect the operation of Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) stations, however, since they operate on military frequencies, not amateur frequencies. The IARS is informing its member to stay off the air, although some Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) modes like IRLP and EchoLink still are okay to use, as long as they don't involve transmitting a signal over the air.
The request to halt all ham radio activity and the issuance of licenses in Iraq originated with a letter from the Iraqi Ministry of Defense to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki as part of the new Baghdad security plan, Sayah said. He received subsequent confirmation via the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research to shut down ham radio activity, although he allows for a possible misunderstanding on the part of government officials as to the nature and purpose of Amateur Radio.
Sayah said the government also wanted radio amateurs in Iraq to send all ham radio equipment to the IARS until the security situation improved, but he's advising hams in Iraq to hang onto their gear.
Sayah also has reached out to the worldwide Amateur Radio community to use its influence to reverse the Iraqi government policy.
from the ARRL Letter, Vol. 26, No. 11, March 16, 2007.

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 9th to 15th March, issued on 16th March by the IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
10cm flux	72	71	71	71	71	70	69
AFr index	1	2	6	7	18	9 (	5 estimated)
Aaus index	4	5	9	13	18	9 (	9 estimated)
T index	8	1	2	-12	5	6	3

Solar flare activity was very low all week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was quiet on 9th and 10th; quiet to unsettled on 11th, 14th and 15th; mostly quiet to unsettled with an isolated active period on 12th; and quiet to active on 13th.
Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were depressed 15 per cent on 9th; depressed 15 per cent to near predicted on 10th and 13th; near predicted to 15 per cent enhanced on 11th; enhanced 25 to 15 per cent on 12th; and near predicted on 14th and 15th.
Forecast for 16th to 22nd March
Solar activity should be low.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.
Frequencies should be near predicted monthly values.
courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services
summary by Pat VK2JPA ANARTS Broadcast Officer

As the VK2SG RTTY DX Notes have not been posted on the web, we will provide the ARRL DX Notes instead.
ARLD011 DX news 15th March 2007

3DA. In celebration of the 75th Jubilee of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society, a large group of operators are QRV as 3DA0PM, 3DA0PB, 3DA0AM, 3DA0DG, 3DA0RH, 3DA0GV and 3DA0GI until March 25. Activity is on all bands, with particular attention to the newer bands, digital modes and low bands. Some 6 and 2 meter and EME activity is possible. QSL all calls via EI7CC.
AZERBAIJAN, 4K. Axel, DL6KVA is QRV as 4K0CW until March 21. Activity is on all bands using CW. He will also be active in the Russian DX contest. QSL to home call.
TOGO, 5V. Elvira is QRV as 5V7SE ands has been active on 20 meters using RTTY around 2000 and 0000z. QSL via IK3GES.
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. Philippe will be QRV as 9Q1TB from Kinshasa beginning March 17. QSL direct via SM5DQC.
CHINA, BY. Operators BD1DRJ/7, BA4ALC/7, BD7KLO/7, BG6IQD/7 and BG7JAC/7 are QRV from Weizhou Island, IOTA AS-139, until March 19. Activity is on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home calls.
SCOTLAND, GM. Dennis, M0LSB is QRV as MM0LSB/p from the islands Islay, Jura and Gigha, IOTA EU-008, until April 2. Activity is on 8 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.
GUERNSEY, GU. Kevan, 2E0WMG will be QRV as 2U0WMG from March 19 to 23. Activity will be on 80 metes to 70 cm, using mainly SSB. QSL to home call.
LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0. Operators 9A2SX, 9A3AXX, 9A6XX and 9A8MM are QRV as HB0/homecalls until March 19. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes an entry in the Russian DX contest as HB0/9A8MM. QSL via bureau.
HAITI, HH. Jan, K4QD will be QRV as HH4/K4QD from the NW Haiti Christian Mission from March 19 to 30. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.
VATICAN, HV. HV0A has been QRV using CW and RTTY on 160 and 80 meters between 0300 to 0630z. He has also been active on 20 meters between 1400 to 1700z. QSL via IK0FVC.
PERU, OA. IZ7ATN is QRV as OA6/IZ7ATN/p from IOTA SA-098 from March 20 to 22. Activity is mostly on 20 and 17 meters, and possibly 40, 15 and 10 meters, using SSB. QSL to home call.
ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Toni, OH2UA and Martti, OH2BH will be QRV as OH0B from Brando Island. Activity will be on 30, 17 and 12 meters. They will also participate in the Russian DX contest as well. QSL via OH2BH.
CENTRAL AFRICA, TL. Christian, F5NRY is QRV as TL8QC until the end of April. He is usually active on 30 and 17 meters using CW around 1400 to 1600z. QSL to home call.
ANTIGUA. V2. W4OWY and W9OP will be QRV as V25WY and V25OP, respectively, from March 19 to 25. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Dave, W5CW will be QRV as VP5/W5CW from March 20 to 28. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. This includes be active as VP75V in the upcoming CQ WPX contest. QSL to home call.
INDONESIA, YB. Operators YB3MM/9 and YC3DXC/9 are QRV from Menjangan Island, IOTA OC-022. Activity is on 20 and 15 meters using SSB. Their length of stay is unknown. QSL YB3MM/9 via IZ8CCW and YC3DXC/9 via the bureau.
NEW ZEALAND, ZL. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the NZART Branch 20 Manawatu Amateur Radio Society, special event station ZL75KO is active until the end of May. QSL via bureau.

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 801 excerpts
2U, GUERNSEY (EU-114)
Kevan, 2E0WMG, will be active as 2U0WMG from March 19-23rd. Activity will be on 80m-70cm, mainly HF SSB only. QSL via 2E0WMG (QRZ.com).
3DA, SWAZILAND (Reminder)
Remember, members of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS), will celebrate their 75th Jubilee by planning an "AFRI75 Dxpedition 2007" to Swaziland between March 16-25th. Activity for this DXpedition will also cover St. Patrick's Day and the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. The DXpedition's leader is IRTS Vice President Paul Martin, EI2CA (3DA0PM. Admission to this group is by request only and is at the discretion of the group moderators. Skeds may also be requested to any of the DXpedition members. Operation will be on all bands with particular attention given to the WARC bands, digital modes and the LF bands. It is also hoped to have some activity on EME, 2m and 6m. QSL Manager for all callsigns is via EI7CC, and cards may be sent direct or by the bureau. Also, please visit the IRTS Web page which will be updated with information on a regular basis at:
http://www.irts.ie/cgi/afri75.cgi A log search facility will be updated on a daily basis.
5C, MOROCCO
M'hamed, CN8NK, in Rabat, will once again be active using the special callsign 5C8A during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5XX.
5R, MADAGASCAR
Vlad, UA4WHX, continues to be active as 5R8VB, but there are no details on when

he is leaving. He was heard this past week on 80/40/30/20/18 meters using CW or SSB. QSL via UA4WHX, after he return from his trip.

9M4, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update)

The Malaysian/Japanese 9M4SDX DXpedition is now active from Pulau Layang Layang (AS-051) in the Spratly Island group until March 19th. One of the operators Tex, 9M2TO, informed OPDX before leaving that the group will have a 6m beacon on 50.115 MHz. The group plans to have 2-4 stations up and running for 24 hours on all bands 160-6 meters, and on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK modes. Remember to QSL via 9M2TO, by the bureau or direct to: Tex Izumo, 2C-10-03 Mutiara APT., JLN. SG. EMAS 11100 Batu Ferringhi, Penang, MALAYSIA. Visit the DXpedition's Web page at: http://island.geocities.jp/layang9m4sdx/

9M4, WEST MALAYSIA (Contest/IOTA Op)

Members of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter Society (MARTS) will use their special contest callsign 9M4DXX during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). Operations will be from Tex's, 9M2TO, QTH on Penang Island (AS-015). QSL via 9M2TO.

9N, NEPAL

Popa, YU7EF, is once again back in Nepal until May 3rd. No other information is available at this time (callsign/bands). Some reports indicate he may operate from Stig's, LA7JO (9N7JO), QTH. Hopefully, more info will be available next week.

HF40, POLAND (Update)

Members of the "Piastowski Klub Krotkofalowcow" will activate their club station (SP6PAZ) using the special event callsign HF40PAZ to celebrate their 40th anniversary. The station will be on the air between March 1st and April 30th, and again between September 1-30th. Also, look for HF40PAZ to be active in the 2007 CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). QSL via SP6PAZ. A special award is now available to both SWLs and hams. Please visit the following Web pages for details at:

http://www.sp6paz.opole.pl

http://www.sp6paz.opole.pl/pdf/50en.pdf

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Bernhard, DL2GAC, is once again active as H44MS. He is expected to be on the Solomon Islands until April 25th. The "DX Newletter" reports that Bernhard is collecting QSLs for his U.S. Counties Award and 5 Band WAS from there. His activity will have an emphasis on 80/40 meters SSB. He was also heard on 20 meters this past week. There are reports that Bernhard might show up from different islands throughout his operation like he did during all of his previous DXpeditions. QSL direct or via the bureau to DL2GAC.

HH, HAITI

Jan, K4QD, will once again be active as HH4/K4QD from here, March 19-30th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. As in the past, Jan will operate from the NW Haiti Christian Mission:

http://www.nwhcm.org

Jan prefers QSLs direct to K4QD or LoTW, but the Bureau is OK.

HV0, VATICAN

Station HV0A has been very active over the last week, especialy on CW, RTTY and 160/80 meters. Most of the activity has been on 20 meters between 1400-1700z, but this past weekend's activity was on 160/80 meters between 0330-0630z. QSL via IK0FVC.

IOTA NEWS

EU-008. Dennis, M0LSB, is expected to be active as MM0LSB/p from the following three Scottish islands between March 14th and April 2nd: Islay (IOSA NH-22, SCOTIA CS-25), Jura (IOSA NH-21, SCOTIA CS-28) and Gigha (IOSA NH-24, SCOTIA CS-23), Inner Hebrides (EU-008). Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB. QSL via M0LSB (QRZ.com).

EU-125. Mike, DK5NA, will be active as OZ/DK5NA from Romo Island, March 18-30th. Activity will be on 160-40 meters CW. QSL via DK5NA (QRZ.com).

NA-034. Members of the Mid Florida DX Association (MFDXA) will be activating special event station N2D in memory of founder and 1st Club President Dan, W2NDP (SK), from Honeymoon Island. This will be a one day only operation. Operators mentioned are: Tony/N2MFT, Steve/KS4WA, Gregg/N6ZUE and Warner/N4WBJ. Activity will be 20 meters, 15 meters and maybe 17 meters (depending on propagation) and

the IOTA frequencies will be used +/- QRM. QSL via W4FDX (QRZ.com). Visit the MFDXA Web page at:
http://www.w4fdx.com
NA-076. Wade, AA8LL, will be active as AA8LL/4 from Cedar Key, FL, now through March 13th. Activity will be 40-10 meters, CW, SSB and RTTY; with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL direct, bureau, or LoTW to AA8LL.
NA-113. Operators Pete/W2GJ, Ed/K3IXD and Randy/K4QO will be active from Crooked Island, South Bahamas Group, July 27-30th. Their activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest where they will use the callsign C6APR. Activity before and after the IOTA Contest will be on the WARC bands plus 6m, using CW, SSB and RTTY, and the callsigns C6AXD (K3IXD) and C6AQO (K4QO). These QSOs will also count for Bird Rock Lighthouse (ARLHS BAH-005, TWLHD WLH C6-002, WLOTA LH-0118 , WW Loc. FL22TU). QSLs for all callsigns go via K3IXD, by the Bureau or direct to: Ed Steeble, 202 Huntington Rd., Summerville SC 29483 USA.
NA-183. (Update) Operators Enrique/XE1IH, Francisco/XE1KOF, Luis/XE1YJL, David/XE1XR, Martin/XE2ML and Ben/XE2AUB will activate two islands in the Guerrero State Group as 4A3IH in the month of May. Look for them to activate Roqueta Island [ARLHS MEX-069] (May 14-19th) and Guerrero Island (May 21-26th) on all HF bands, 6/2 meters, CW, SSB, Digital modes and the Satellites. QSL is OK via the Bureau or direct to IT9EJW: Alfio Bonanno, Via della Regione, 20 - 95028 Valverde (CT), Italy. More information is available at:
http://www.mdxc.org/4a3ih
SA-089. The 4M5DX Team will be active as YW1DX from Cayo Sombrero, July 27-30th. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as a DXpedition category. Look for YW1DX on the WARC bands CW, SSB and RTTY before and after the contest. The team is looking for sponsors/donors for this operation.
J5, GUINEA-BISSAU (IOTA Op)
Just a reminder to look for Jack, F6BUM, to be active as J5BI from Bubaque Island, March 14-28th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV (on request preferably on 21340 kHz). He will use a FT-857D w/100 watts in dipole antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL. Visit his Web page (with a log search) at:
http://www.f6bum.net
NP3, PUERTO RICO
Operators Jim/KS1J, Joe/K1JN, John/W1DX, Matt/WE1H, Pat/NG1G, Foster/N3KCJ, Jim/AJ1M Bill/N1HRA and Carlos/WP4U will be active as NP3U during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi/Multi entry. QSL via WP4U.
TA4, TURKEY
John, DJ6JH, will active as TA4/DJ6JH from April 7-13th. This will be a holiday style operation and activity will be mainly on RTTY and PSK31, and 20-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.
VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS
Dave, W5CW, will be active as VP5/W5CW between March 20-28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB. He will also be in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) using the special callsign VP57V. QSL via his home callsign.
ZP0, PARAGUAY
Tomas, ZP5AZL, will be active as ZP0R during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W3HNK.

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73’s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.